## **Natural Resources Conservation Service**

## **Application Ranking Summary**

# **Tygarts Valley LWG Animal Waste Management**

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Tygarts Valley LWG Animal Waste Management		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

### **National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes O or No O
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes O or No O
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes O or No O
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes O or No O
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes O or No O
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes O or No O
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes O or No O
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes O or No O
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes O or No O
Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes O or No O

7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	
7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants?	Yes O or No O
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes O or No O
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes O or No O
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes O or No O
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes O or No O

#### **State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Are there livestock feeding areas with unfiltered flow into water bodies on the land unit?	Yes O or No O
2. Is the land unit located on Karst topography with sink holes lacking protection from Agricultural wastes or pesticides?	Yes O or No O
3. Is the land unit located on Karst topography with sink holes lacking protection from Agricultural wastes or pesticides?	Yes O or No O
4. Does the operation require a CAFO permit?	Yes O or No O
5. Will cover crops be employed to sequester nutrients, reduce erosion and reduce compaction?	Yes O or No O
6. Is the operation located in the drainage area of a high quality stream (see list)?	Yes O or No O
7. Is the operation located in the drainage area of a stream listed as impaired by agricultural contaminants?	Yes O or No O
8. If manure is applied, will it be incorporated to prevent runoff?	Yes O or No O
9. Will the contract include practices to establish or increase riparian buffers?	Yes O or No O
10. Does the applicant agree to complete all practices in the contract in three years or less?	Yes O or No O
11. Is this the first contract for this applicant?	Yes O or No O

## **Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the primary use of land in this application the production for food and fiber?	Yes O or No O
2. In the proposed contract agreage, is there an unroofed livestock feeding area located within 200 feet of a perennial or intermittent stream that is negatively impacting the water quality of the stream?	Yes O or No O
3. Will this be the first animal waste system installed through NRCS for this operation?	Yes O or No O

#### Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
Ranking Score	
Efficiency:	
Local Issues:	
State Issues:	
National Issues:	
Final Ranking Score:	

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee fundin	ng. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is
selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a fina	al contract is awarded.

#### Notes:

	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: